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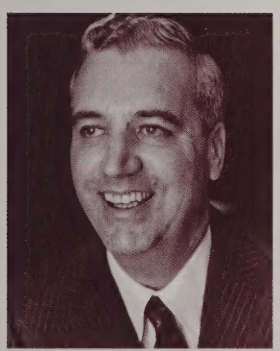
A Message from the President

Remembering the Past and Looking to the Future

The Animal Rescue League of Boston will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 1999.



Arthur G. Slade
President

The League was actually founded on March 13, 1899, by Anna Harris Smith and a small group of her friends and supporters. With the strong support of her husband, Mrs. Smith set out to correct the real cruelty to animals she saw each day on the streets of Boston. We want to use this milestone in the League's growth to tell the history of the fine organization Mrs. Smith began. To this end, we plan to use a substantial part of the next four issues of *Our Fourfooted Friends* to recall the interesting and exciting history of an organization that was the creation and dream of a devoted and caring lady in 1899.

We are planning a number of events to honor the League's 100 years of service to animals, as well as a look forward into the next century of humane concerns and challenges.

A major event will take place on March 20, 1999, and we hope many of our friends and members will join us. There will be a Gala Evening to mark the centennial year in the Grand Ballroom of the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. This will be an evening to remember with a special program and exciting events and speakers. You won't want to miss this occasion, so plan now to attend and reserve the date on your calendar. You will be receiving more information on how to purchase tickets as the time grows closer.

Reflection on the past is a valuable and heartwarming way to document and appreciate the progress and improvements over the years; it is important to realize how many accomplishments have taken place. However, the most exciting part of working such a major milestone is looking forward to the future and realizing what lies ahead in the form of new challenges as well as great improvements in the humane field and animal care.

Some of the needs of the past remain with us, such as overpopulation of pets and the spread of human violence toward animals by an increasing number of people in our society. This may well be the greatest concern in the immediate future and public education and awareness form a vital part of the solution. We urgently need to turn the tide away from the careless disregard for living things that pervades too much of our world today. Social change is slow and difficult, but it may prove to be the greatest need of the coming years. Most of what we do on a day-to-day basis in our animal shelters and with our kindness programs depends for its success on such a fundamental change.

It is interesting to recognize the wisdom and insight of our founder when she chose the motto of the League, "Kindness uplifts the world."

There are many exciting things to look forward to in the next century. There are marvelous improvements in the design and construction of animal care facilities and we are looking at many of these at the present time. Technology advances can only be speculated at in most instances, but today we are beginning to use microchip identification for all of our pets. Computer functions for tracking animal populations and data are now becoming a reality. There will also be many advances in the area of animal health and preventative veterinary medicine.

To enter into the next century of accomplishments, we will need to have an even greater spirit of determination and devotion to animal welfare. You, our members and friends, will be needed to form the base of support for this wonderful endeavor.

We invite you to give serious thought to a special commitment and gift to the League in the year 1999. It is such a special time in our life. Certainly a Centennial gift to honor the 100th celebration would be a wonderful way to start the new century. Another and more lasting gift would be to include the League in your estate planning. Many times bequests enable donors to make more substantial and lasting contributions that continue for years to come. This would be an especially appropriate time to make such a commitment and I would be pleased to discuss the details with anyone who may be interested.

From all of us here at the League, we wish you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Rescue News

Although still recovering from his injuries, "Nick" charmed all the visitors at Petoberfest. Especially impressed was Niki Pugach, who later adopted the chocolate lab.

Rescue of the Quarter

Dog rescued just in the nick of time

An injured dog was found suffering in the Roxbury area after being struck by a hit-and-run driver. He was discovered several days later by workers at the Montisino Tire Shop, who then called the Animal Rescue League of Boston. League ambulance driver Louisa Rahilly rescued the dog, who had multiple injuries yet had still managed to get himself to a nearby wooded area.

League veterinarians treated his wounds and assessed his injuries. The right hind leg was found to be fractured and was put in a cast. Unfortunately, the dog's left front leg was severely damaged and was amputated. "Nick," a male chocolate lab, is so gentle and good-natured that he made an excellent patient. The staff in Boston adored "Nick" and even decorated his bright green cast with a heart and his name. He had a great deal of determination, and was running around the shelter shortly after surgery. The prognosis is good for this pup with a great disposition.

In an effort to find "Nick" a new home, the League spotlighted him at their Blessing of the Animals during the annual Petoberfest in Dedham. Niki Pugach decided at the last minute to attend the event with a friend. As soon as she saw "Nick" she fell instantly in love. After being informed of "Nick's" medical condition and limitations, she entered an application for adoption that day.

The first order of business was to introduce "Nick" to the Pugach family's dog, a male Golden Retriever/Chow mix. It took a couple of meetings for the dogs to feel comfortable with each other. During this time, "Nick" was also getting stronger and on Halloween, he moved to his new home. In addition to his new canine companion, "Willy," "Nick's" new family is filled with animal friends: a cat, "Cleo," a guinea pig, "Buster" and three bunnies, "Piglet," "Roly" and "Fidget". "Nick's" new home includes a fenced-in yard and a communal playing area for the neighbor dogs. Happily, we hear "Nick" is doing quite well. He is incredibly affectionate with Niki, her husband Sam, and their twin daughters. Niki tells us they are "very blessed to have 'Nick' He is a gift."

A Veterinary UPDATE

Winter 3

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

Cat Scratch Disease (or Bartonellosis): What's New?

Cat scratch disease (CSD) afflicts an estimated 22,000 people in the U.S. annually. The disease is caused by a recently identified bacterium, Bartonella henselae. In the past, the cause of the disease was attributed to a different bacterium. CSD is transmitted through a scratch, a bite or the licking of broken skin from a domestic cat. The domestic cat serves as the source and the carrier of the disease: a source of the microorganism in cat-to-cat transmission and a carrier in cat-to-humans'. The cat's flea has been identified as a carrier in cat-to-cat transmission of B. henselae.

Researchers have conducted a few studies to show that fleas are the carriers of this bacterium to the domestic cat. The cat harbors the bacterium, may contaminate its claws and mouth by scratching or biting its flea bites and licking its paws. The disease was found in cats tested from 33 different regions of the U.S. and Canada with 28% of the cats having antibodies to B. henselae.

Signs and Symptoms of CSD in People

CSD is the most common cause of chronic lymph node disease in otherwise healthy children and young adults. After the initial cat scratch or bite, the primary skin lesion will develop three to ten days later and may last for up to five months. Lymph nodes will get swollen and tender about two weeks after the primary injury. About one third of CSD patients develop fever, malaise and fatigue; some will develop headaches, a sore throat and anorexia. B. henselae can cause serious disease in immuno-compromised people.

Tests for Diagnosing CSD in People

New tests were developed to diagnose the disease; but CSD can be confirmed by meeting a few criteria:

- a history of cat contact, a scratch or a primary skin lesion
- the development of regional lymph node enlargement about two weeks after cat contact, after excluding other causes of lymph node disease
- a positive skin test
- a lymph node biopsy

Treatment

Most antibiotics are ineffective with patients in good health with CSD for reasons that are yet unclear. In contrast, immuno-compromised patients have responded to a few types of antibiotics but relapses have been reported despite several weeks of treatment. In most CSD patients, the disease is considered to be relatively harmless and should not lead to further illnesses. No active treatment is needed except for supportive care. In general, healthy people have a smaller risk in acquiring a B. henselae related illness.

Testing and Treating B. Henselae in Cats

A new, accurate, less costly and faster test was developed to directly detect B. henselae in a cat's blood. When an infection is suspected, the cat should be checked for fleas. If a cat has been tested positive, it can be treated with antibiotics, but results are not guaranteed. More studies are necessary to determine an effective antibiotic regimen to ensure that the treated cat remains free of B. henselae infection.

Cats' owners should wash all cat scratches immediately, and look for prompt medical attention to serious scratches and bites. Declawing a cat will not prevent transmission of the organism because cat-to-human transmission can occur through broken skin. Flea control is important because cat fleas are vectors and can increase the feline reservoir of the organism. The decision to test or treat for B. henselae should depend on the health and immune status of the people in the household.

It was found that most of the cats infected were young, during the first year of life. This is when cats are most likely to transmit infections to people. Therefore, it is recommended that prospective cat owners who are immuno-compromised should try a flea-free adult cat that has lived exclusively indoors rather than a kitten.

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Do you have a question regarding general pet health? Please send it to Veterinary Update c/o Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA, 02117.

News from

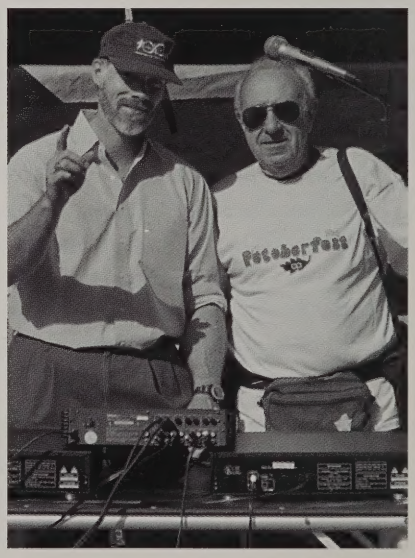
Jocelyn Bly and "Barkley" take time to stop and smell the marigolds.

Petoberfest '98 Scrapbook

Where can you sip a cup of hot cider, get your face painted, dance, have your animal blessed, jump on the moonbounce, buy gifts for the holidays and take in the sunshine? Why, Petoberfest '98 of course!

The third annual fair was once again blessed not only by Father Jim Clark of St. Mary's Church in Dedham, but also by glorious fall weather. Crafters lined the driveway with hand-made and novelty items while bidders walked away with treasures from the silent auction. The adoption center was bustling and pets walked their owners past the goodie tables hoping to sneak treats.

If you missed the event this year, it's not too early to mark your calendars for Petoberfest '99! Our centennial year fair will be held at Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham on Saturday, Oct. 16. If you would like to volunteer to work at the event or collect items for raffle, please call Volunteer Program Coordinator Rena Bly at 617-426-9170, ext. 126.



DJ Bill "The Other Brother" Doyle takes a break from pushing the "play" button to pose with the rarely photographed but famous League photographer, Bob Howard, of Howard Enterprises. And-a-1-and-a-2...

Petoberfest visitors and their faithful companions listen to the blessing, which highlighted the bond we all share with animals.

Father Jim Clark of St. Mary's Church, Dedham, presides over the Blessing of the Animals.

That's no clown, that's the League's very own Mike Thomas with Steve Sbraccia and his daughter Mackenzie.

Public Relations and Education Director Sonia Beals learns how to flip 'em from volunteer Rick Schonning. Veggie Burger anyone?

Petoberfest '98 Thank You

The Animal Rescue League of Boston would like to acknowledge the many friends and sponsors who contributed to the success of Petoberfest '98. Our thanks go out to the generous people who donated items for the flea market table and the baked goods table. We would also like to thank Robin Pawlak for designing our poster, flyer and postcard. Our special thanks go out to the following sponsors.

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Wanted: Animal Heroes

Do you have an animal hero in your neighborhood? The League is seeking submissions for the annual Humane Awards, which honor our animal friends who have come to the aid of people in peril. The awards will be presented at the League's Centennial Gala on March 20, 1999 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Submissions should include details of the story as well as names, addresses and phone numbers of the parties involved. If the event appeared in a local paper, the news clipping would also be helpful. Please send your animal hero stories to: ***Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117, Attention: Sonia Beals. Questions? Please call 617-426-9170, ext. 119.***

Pet Friendly Housing - Does it Exist?

Are you having trouble finding housing for you and your pets? You are not alone! One of the most common reasons animals are surrendered to shelters is due to landlord refusal. Often, animal lovers will try to sneak an animal into housing, only to give it up once the landlord discovers the prohibited pet. The League always advocates getting approval before bringing a pet home–in fact, animals may not be adopted without direct approval from landlords.

What can be done? The League has formed a "pet-friendly housing" committee. A survey is being developed that will be sent to Greater Boston realtors and apartment complex managers in an effort to help pet owners locate housing.

Informational materials regarding pet care and responsibility will be available to those landlords who may be discouraged from renting to pet owners because of past problems.

If you are looking for housing for you and your animal friends, consider creating a pet résumé that highlights obedience training, medical records indicating current vaccinations as well as references. Also, being a responsible pet owner who does not allow animals to damage or destroy property helps the cause for all involved.

If you are a landlord or know someone who owns rental property and would like to receive a survey, please call Sonia Beals at 617.426.9170, ext. 119.

An abandoned baby squirrel gets nourishment with a little help from a friend.

Training For Disaster

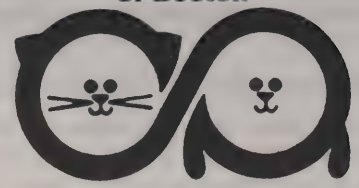
League Field Rescue Team helps out with Hurricane Bonnie

By Lt. Alan Borgal, Law Enforcement Coordinator

Disasters can be very disruptive and life-threatening for humans and animals alike. Animals used to receive whatever help was left over in a disaster, but now humane and animal control groups are better focused, funded and trained to respond. I had worked other disaster areas during my 23 years in the humane field and had responded to the "Great Midwest Flood" of 1993, but realized that my disaster education was only beginning.

In the past several years, the League has developed a highly trained and skilled "Disaster Animal Relief Team" to handle such rescues. We realized that if the League were going to send people into disaster areas, the rescuer should be prepared to handle all types of rescue situations on both land and water. Fortunately, the American Humane Association (AHA), through its Disaster Relief Program, began to offer training and support in technical rescue.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE
of Boston



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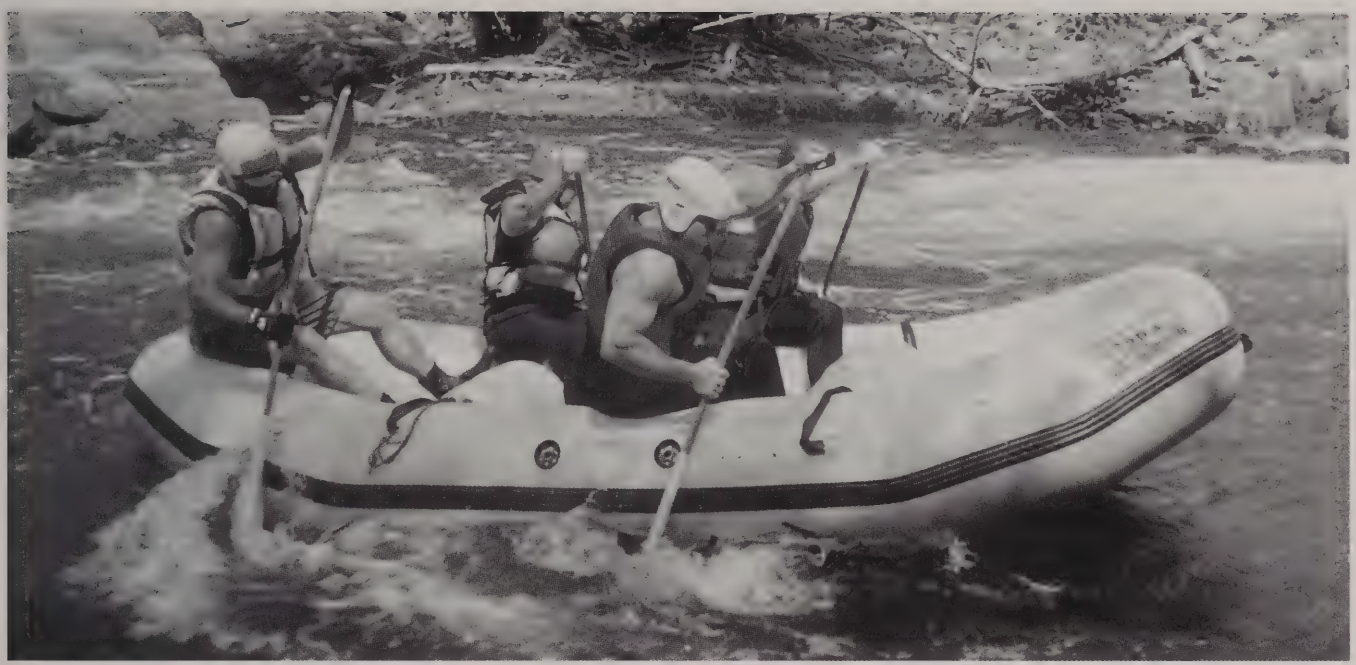

League staff take part in swift water rescue training in preparation for Hurricane Bonnie.

Myself, along with five other League employees, trained in Maryland over the past two summers to qualify as "Technical Animal Rescuers" - Levels I and II. These courses consisted of intense instruction in: Swift Water Rescue, Boat Handling, Rappelling and Rope Work, Physical Capture and Chemical Capture of Animals in the Rescue Environment, Animal Search Techniques and a night-time Mock Rescue of a hurricane disaster site. The night-time mock rescue role-playing seemed real enough as we slipped into the murky waters of a lower river branch of the Potomac River to simulate the rescue of a deer mired in the mud banks. We rescued the plastic deer fairly easily, but the Team knew that a live injured deer or horse would have taken many hours to bring to safety.

When Edward Powers, League Director of Operations, asked staff volunteers to assist the AHA emergency relief effort for Hurricane Bonnie victims in Wilmington, NC, we began to pack immediately. Rigaud Lee, Sharon Krogh and I didn't expect that our training was going to be utilized so quickly. We had to leave the next day and were anxious to get to the hurricane site to work with the AHA Disaster Animal Rescue Tractor-Trailer Vehicle.

We drove through the night for 16 hours with a truck packed full of our own specialized rescue gear and equipment. You can train years for this type of work but you always hope as the disaster unfolds that the damage will be minimal. As we got closer to our destination we heard rumors and radio broadcasts that the North Carolina State Police were not letting people into the state until the evacuees had returned. Still not knowing what to expect, we entered Wilmington, NC, where Hurricane Bonnie had hit one day before.

Prior to responding to Hurricane Bonnie, League staff members take a break from rescue training. Left to right back row: Rigaud Lee, Alan Borgal and Brad Munroe. Front row: Mike Brammer, Sharon Krogh and Ed Powers.

We rendezvoused with the AHA rescue team and after a briefing of our mission and a familiarization with the Rescue Truck we headed into the disaster areas along the North Carolina coastal waterways.

The team was assigned to an area where Bonnie hit, and assessed zoos, aquariums, animal shelters, veterinary clinics, livestock, etc., for hurricane damage. During the basic assessments and observations, we located several roadside zoos that needed volunteers to help clean up trees and leaf debris and mend broken fences. Team One included League rescuers Rigaud Lee and Sharon Krogh. They worked the day in the extreme heat, cleaning up the debris that covered the local zoo, and later helped a local wildlife clinic feed abandoned wildlife. Team Two, to which I was assigned, patrolled about 100 miles into the area as far as Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and assisted local and private animal control shelters with damage assessment and searches for domestic animals and wildlife in flooded out areas.

We worked into the late afternoon, checked in with some of the other disaster rescue groups assigned to the area and the assessment was complete. Hurricane Bonnie had come and gone, the damage had been minimal for most of the animals in the area. We were quite relieved and satisfied that there wasn't any major damage or destruction as in past hurricanes and that the League's Rescue Team gained exposure to a Disaster Operation. Our efforts were wholehearted, albeit small, but we left feeling that we had made an impact on the community, its citizens and especially its animals. We will still need to keep our training skills sharp, but just the assurance that we can respond to these disaster rescues to help animals will be enough for this rescue team.

Lucky llamas avoided being hit by falling trees and debris during Hurricane Bonnie.

League employees Rigaud Lee (left) Mike Brammer and Alan Borgal (right) confer with American Humane Associations' Director of Disaster Relief, Nick Gilman, as they prepare the Anderson Sling used for lifting horses to safety.

Mark Your Calendar!

MARCH '99

13 100th Anniversary of the Animal Rescue League of Boston
Please light a candle in honor of all the animals saved by the Animal Rescue League of Boston over the last 100 years.

100th Anniversary 1899-1999

20 Centennial Gala
Saturday
Park Plaza Hotel, Boston
6:00 p.m. Cocktails
8:00 p.m. Presentation, Dinner & Dancing

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1 That Doggone Walk
Saturday
Castle Island, South Boston
To request an entry form
please call 617-426-9170 x109

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October

16 Petoberfest
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Please join us for these upcoming League events.
If you have questions, please call 617-426-9170.

Animal Fri

A special feature for our younger readers

My Kids Are Going To the Dogs

By Alan Cunningham, Sr. Training and Humane Education Instructor

Just the other day, as I watched my own children play, I was thinking what I might write about for our young readers. As I watched the boys, I couldn't help but think of how we might be able to understand dog behavior by considering our own behavior. There in our living room were two human "puppies" playing together, tumbling, vocalizing (sharing words), and then having a brief argument due to one's roughness. This was followed by stopping of play, an understanding that one was stronger than the other (status), another invitation to play, and then off they went again to play together. Sound familiar? Well that's life in a pack!

What other behaviors do we share with our canine friends? Dogs are highly social animals, which means they generally enjoy each other's company in their pack and are social outside their pack after proper introductions have been made. This is much like the comfort you share within your own family, which extends to your ability to make new friends. This is not to say that problems don't come up both in and outside our packs (families), as we saw with my children. However, these conflicts are usually remedied quickly and without a lot of injury to those involved.

Ways we can avoid physical harm are by showing we mean no harm or threat (submission) to the other "animal" involved, or moving away and/or leaving the area (avoidance). We can also show signs that we are friendly and don't wish to challenge our "friend." This is true for dogs as well. Dogs engage in a number of behaviors to turn-off or neutralize a situation that could lead to a "scuffle." Dogs do use body postures and expressions to communicate submission (lack of desire) to challenge. They quite often will exercise their right to flee (even our own pet dogs will when conflict arises), and of course they will invite their acquaintance to play or interact in a non-aggressive manner after proper introductions have been made.

I observed my human "doggie duo" switch from play behavior (with some messages involved) to another behavior which is instinctual and popular in both the human and canine species. That behavior, of course, is food gathering and consumption. Several strategies come into effect here: begging, opportunistic feeding, pack cooperative hunting and feeding. For my "wild ones" this means asking for or demanding some tasty treat; after all, even the best trained forget manners sometimes. This behavior often progresses to catching another pack member not paying attention and "helping oneself," or stumbling across some tidbit in the couch cushions, or foraging the cupboards, pantry closet, or other areas food is likely to be found. They work with each other, striving to "take" whatever morsel they can consume.

Our dogs use very similar techniques in their attempts to obtain food. I know my own dogs use that sad, pathetic look to try and get food from family members–I'm very strict when it comes to begging. We've all seen pets that stare, fidget, and even try cute tricks in an attempt to be rewarded for begging. A lot of dogs will take any and every opportunity to gobble, snatch, and consume whatever edible "goodie" crosses their path, even when the snack may not be nutritionally beneficial.

Generally, dogs are truly opportunistic feeders and will eat whenever food is offered or available. This is probably the reason why obesity is the most common nutritional problem in dogs. If food is not offered or supplied, dogs will go in search of it by hunting, stealing, or taking down one of their favorite prey: the ever elusive and protected rubbish can (conveniently offered in many colors).

As I tended to my "pack" and made sure they were all safe, content, and secure within our den, I engaged them in a little play behavior while I searched for my own food source in the chair cushions and candy dish. I look forward to sharing more about my family and our "canine family friends" in the future. Until then, watch your own family and friends and see if you can observe other similarities that we share with our dogs.

ends

Dear Gretel

Whenever I hold my male, tan rabbit, he kicks and sometimes bites. Could you tell me how to hold him?

Sincerely,
Hillary Simpson, Amesbury, MA

Dear Hillary

By learning proper handling techniques, you can help your rabbit to feel more comfortable in your arms; this way he may have less of a tendency to bite or kick you. It may take some time for your rabbit to adjust to being held in a new manner. If he were handled improperly in the past, he may have learned that being held is an unpleasant experience.

To start, you should spend quality time with your rabbit and maybe gently pat his back to get him used to you touching him. Once he seems comfortable with this, you can move on to holding him. If he stomps or grunts or tenses up when you try to hold him, it may be a sign that what you're doing is too close for comfort. So back up a bit and start from the beginning.

When you feel your rabbit is ready to be held, place one hand under his rump (rear-end) and one hand under his chest for support. Pull your rabbit close to your chest so that he will have less of a chance of jumping from your arms and injuring himself as he tumbles to the floor. You may want to first try holding him while you are seated on the floor, so that he will not have to far to go if he jumps.

Try to coax him out of his cage before you hold him. A floor cage works well in this situation because he can just hop out on his own. A word to the wise: If you attempt to take him out of his cage to hold him, he may bite you as you put your hand in because he is protecting his "property". He may feel as though you are invading his house and this is the way he shows that he does not like this too much.

I wish you luck with your rabbit. Remember, a little patience will go a long way.

Hey Kids!

Do you have questions for Gretel? Write in and if your question gets published in *Our Fourfooted Friends* magazine, you'll receive a free Animal Rescue League of Boston t-shirt. Send your questions to:

Questions
Letters to Gretel, The Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

friends of the quarter

Towels, Blankets, and Treats for all! - Girl Scout Emilia Javorsky poses with a kitten from the Boston Adoption Center.

Friend of the Quarter

Ten-year-old Emilia Javorsky of Wayland has been a member of Girl Scout Troop #3146 for nearly four years. She earned her pet care badge by caring for her own dog, a Kerry Blue Terrier named Hannah, and baby-sitting her grandmother's dog. She has now made it her personal mission to collect blankets and towels from her school, Claypit Hill Elementary, and bring them to the Boston shelter for distribution to homeless animals. Upon her first visit to the Boston Branch, she presented several bags of blankets, along with individual bags of dog treats for all canine residents. Emilia is a stunning example of how one person with motivation can made a difference in the lives of homeless animals. Good job Emilia!

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt!

Send entries to:
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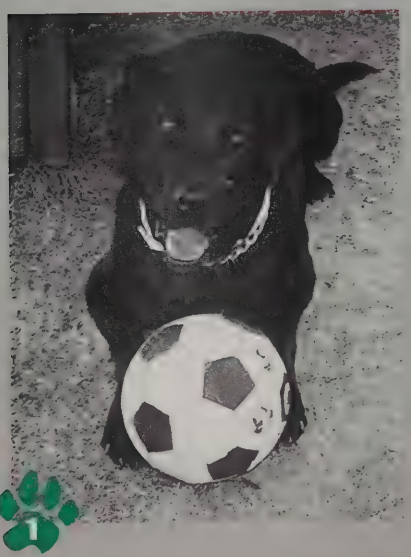
Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the



1.

"Charlie" was 120 pounds when Frank Terra adopted him, and now he's 143 pounds! Over time, "Charlie" has not only grown, he has also brought lots of love to his owners. Frank notes that "'Charlie' is a joy. He loves to play soccer and play with our nine grandchildren."

2.

"Guinness" is "our ray of sunshine, and our furry little pal," say Shannon Larkin and Joe Avin of Cambridge. "In rainstorms he becomes 'Puddle Pup,' leaping into every puddle he can find, the deeper the better." It sounds as though this puppy is a bundle of fun to be around.

3.

Jeffrey and Pat Pozgay of South Wellfleet adopted "Bill" from the Brewster branch as a kitten six years ago. "Bill is king of our household! Everything is a cat toy, and everyplace is his kingdom!" reports Pat. Playful "Bill" is also an avid fan of nature shows on television.

4.

Lucille and Ed Catalano of Revere sent this precious picture of "Grizzley" the dog they adopted from the Salem branch in April. They say he has become an "awesome friend" who has settled in as one of the family.

5.

"Talie" makes her owners Paul Hrul and Elizabeth Centora-Hrul of Rowley very happy. She was adopted in June of 1997 from the League. Elizabeth writes, "She is wonderful. She makes our lives complete."

6.

"Beth's" owners Larry and Carol DiBona of Eastham are always saying how lucky they are to have found her, but "Beth" thinks she did pretty good, too. "Beth" wanted us to see a photo of her kayaking with her life vest on. Safety first, she reminds us.

7.

"Stella is an incredible cat, who can drink from the bottom of a tall glass by dipping her paw in and then licking her paw (smart, eh?!) She has brought a great deal of joy, fun and comfort to me," says Ed Goodman of Jamaica Plain.

8.

"Cinderella," also known as "Cindy," was adopted on Halloween six years ago by Charles & Rita Ribokas of Cambridge. They say, "She's the best thing that could have happened to us." Happy sixth birthday to a very pretty kitty!

Picture

Gone But Not Forgotten

1. *"Katie"*

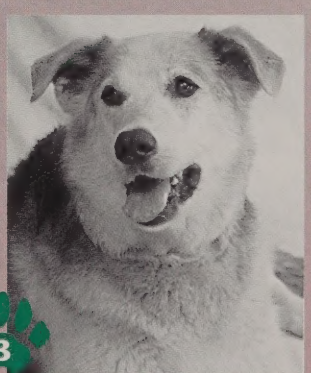
"Katie" was almost six years old when she was adopted by Norma & Fred Weissent, of Harwich Port, in May of 1992. "'Katie' was a wonderful angel of a dog and we miss her very much," writes Norma. She will never be forgotten.

2. *"Rudy"*

"Rudy" brought 11-1/2 years of joy, unconditional love, happiness and laughter to Annette Kosover of Salem. "'Rudy's' presence, no matter where he was, indeed brought smiles to people's faces," remembers Annette. "He is truly missed."

2. *"Lucy"*

"Lucy" was originally a stray who was brought to the Salem branch at 4 months of age. Jeannie Goodwin, a long-time League employee, adopted her the day of her first interview with the League 14 years ago. "Lucy" was the Salem branch's mascot throughout those years and people fondly remember her as "the dog they stepped over on their way to the shelter." She often visited the resident house, always looking for a handout or quick dip in the kiddy pool. We will always remember "Lucy" and certainly never forget that extra nudge for the final piece of lunch.



Pet Loss Group

The loss of a beloved pet can be a difficult experience. The League is now offering support services to the public. If you are interested in participating in a group or have questions about pet loss, please call Marcia Lowry Maloney, LMHC at 617-426-9170 ext. 430.

Sit Up & Beg

The staff at the League has developed the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care, or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute a portion of the funds needed to purchase a piece of equipment, please call (617) 426-9170 x-119 or x-109.

Towels and Blankets
Used to line cages for comfort and warmth, as well as in ambulances and after bathing.

Cat and Dog Toys (still in packaging)
Used to help reduce the stress level of the animals while in the shelter.

Oars
Would be used with canoes for pond rescues of wildlife. ($60)

Antenna Tracking System & Transmitter Darts
Would be used to track tranquilized large animals during humane captures. ($750)

Thank You

Thank you to the many thoughtful animal lovers who take time to stop at our shelter locations to drop off blankets, towels and toys. Your kindness provides comfort, warmth and happiness to our furry friends.

We would like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

Happy Endings Web site for Dedham Branch
Eileen Centofanti is a Webmaster bringing us good news from the Dedham adoption center. Please check it out at http://home.att.net/~ecento/happyendings/ or by linking from the Pet Parade page on the League's Web site (http://arl-boston.org).

8ft. Row Boat for Water Rescues
Henry T. Wiggin
(Mr. Wiggin has generously donated rescue equipment funds over the years in memory of his Scottish Terrier, Storm.)

Toys, Toys, Toys
Patricia A. Pickett, M.D.

Volunteer Corner

On March 13, 1999, the League will celebrate its 100th anniversary! We will commemorate this landmark event by hosting a black-tie gala at the Park Plaza on Saturday, March 20, 1999. On Saturday, February 6, 1999, a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will be held in Boston to honor all of the League's dedicated volunteers. Please mark your calendars for these two very special events.

Prior to the gala at the Park Plaza there is a lot of planning to be done. We need volunteers to help sell advertising space in the program that will be handed out at the centennial celebration. For more information on this please contact Sonia Beals, Director of Public Relations and Education, at 617-426-9170 ext. 119.

The volunteer department is currently looking for volunteers to assist with humane education programs in the public schools on weekdays. If you are interested or would like more information please call Rena Bly at 617-426-9170 ext. 126.

Brrrrr!

When winter strikes, your pets feel the same harsh winds, snow, and freezing temperatures as you do. So, like you, they need extra protection.

While cats should be kept indoors all year round, those cats still encouraged to go outside in winter can easily get frost-bitten ears or freeze altogether. Left on their own to find warmth, many cats crawl into car engines, where they get hurt or killed when it starts.

Dogs should be kept inside too. However, if your dog enjoys spending some time outdoors, be sure she has access to a dry, draft-free shelter with enough room to stand up and turn around in, yet small enough to retain her body heat. Raise the floor a few inches off the damp ground, and put in a layer of cedar chips or straw for the added warmth your dog needs.

If you put your pets in the garage or basement, move all toxic substances well out of their reach. Also, clean up *any* antifreeze from the floor. Dogs and cats love the sweet taste, but just one little lick can be lethal.

During severe weather, only let your pet out to relieve himself.

And whenever you bring your pets in from being on snowy or icy roads or walkways, check their paws for salt or other deicing chemicals. You can protect their paws by putting vaseline on them before they go out, then wiping off their paws when they come back into the house.

Remember, your pet is part of the family and the best way to make her feel that way—and protect her from the cold too—is to keep her inside with you.

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Show your support

and help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail.

Sweatshirt (S, M, L, XL)
$18.00 ea.

Children's (S, M, L)
$15.00 ea.

T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL)
$10.00 ea.

Children's (S, M, L)
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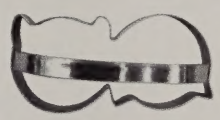

Cookie Cutter
$5.00 ea.

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$3.00 ea.

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